



Order 96-3-2

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 1st day of March, 1996

In re:

SECURITY OF AIRCRAFT AND
SAFETY OF PASSENGERS
TRANSITING MANILA, PHILIPPINES

ORDER

By this order, the Secretary of Transportation notifies U.S. and foreign air carriers of his determination that Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila, Philippines, now maintains and carries out effective airport security measures.

Background

By order 95-8-12, I notified U.S. and foreign air carriers of my determination that Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila, Philippines, did not maintain and administer effective security measures. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 44907(d), I advised the Government of the Philippines on August 8, 1995, that 90 days had elapsed since it was notified of my earlier determination that Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Manila, Philippines, did not maintain and administer effective security measures, and that I had again made the same determination. Both determinations were based on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) assessments which revealed that security measures used at that airport did not meet the minimum Standards and Recommended Practices established by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

That order also served as notice to U.S. and foreign air carriers providing service between the United States and Ninoy Aquino International Airport of their obligation under 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1)(B) to provide notice of my determination to

any passenger purchasing a ticket for transportation between the United States and Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Decision

Based on assessment conducted by the FAA at Ninoy Aquino International Airport during the period January 29 to February 2, 1996, I am now satisfied that Ninoy Aquino International Airport now maintains and carries out effective security measures. Accordingly, U.S. and foreign air carriers are no longer required to provide written notice of my August 8, 1995, determination regarding Ninoy Aquino International Airport to passengers purchasing U.S. -Manila, Philippines, tickets.

ACCORDINGLY:

1. I hereby vacate Order 95-8-12 and relieve carriers of their obligation under 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1)(B), to provide to U.S.-Manila passengers written notice of my August 8, 1995, determination that Ninoy Aquino International Airport does not maintain and administer effective security measures;
2. This order shall be effective immediately; and
3. Copies of this order shall be served on the carriers and associations on the attached service list.

Federico Peña
Secretary of Transportation

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